

Vegetation maintenance targets invasive species

This month, the Santa Clara Valley Water District is removing non-native trees, shrubs and woody plants on the lower Guadalupe River as part of a larger effort to ensure flood protection in the area and preserve native habitats.

Removal of invasive and non-native vegetation along the river around the River Oaks Pathway bridge and Montague Expressway will prevent flows from harming the levee, bridges and trail.

The reach is currently overrun, particularly with invasive weeping willow trees, creating a hazard as invasive plants can affect levee and bank stability and, due to their thickness, block channels and hamper water flow.

Read more about weeping willows at http://www.na.fs.fed.us/fhp/invasive_plants/weeds/weeping-willow.pdf or on the flier accompanying this mailer.



Highlights indicates project area.

Non-native trees near the pedestrian bridge are a flood protection concern identified by the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

The Safe, Clean Water measure, passed in 2012 to continue a parcel tax initially approved by voters in 2000, funds this effort to revitalize stream, upland, and wetland habitat. The water district's web page at <http://www.valleywater.org/SCW-D2.aspx> provides more information about this priority as it relates to the measure.

Work should take two to three weeks, with crews on site weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. using trucks, crane, wood chippers, chainsaws and other tools.

Vehicles will use Montague Expressway and Tasman Drive for project access, but the Guadalupe River Trail will remain open and signage will alert the public.



Last year, the water district performed similar vegetation removal work in the same area.

Importance of vegetation management in our creeks

Vegetation management is a key strategy of the water district's mission as it:

- Maintains 100-year flood protection and river flow conveyance
- Ecologically benefits forests, fish and wildlife by reducing competition, maintaining genetic integrity of native plants and reducing negative impacts of some non-native plants
- Improves health, functions and values of the river's native riparian forest
- Meets permit requirements of Guadalupe River flood protection projects to provide native riparian forest and Shaded Riverine Aquatic cover mitigation
- Improves views to the river, increasing scenic and aesthetic values and the effectiveness for police and park ranger patrols.

You're in a watershed

A watershed is the area of land that drains to a common waterway.

In Santa Clara County, our creeks and rivers catch rain and runoff from storm drains and carry the water north to San Francisco Bay or south to Monterey Bay. Along the way, some of the water is used to fill reservoirs for drinking water, replenish the underground aquifer and create better habitat for fish and wildlife. This project is in the [Guadalupe Watershed](#).



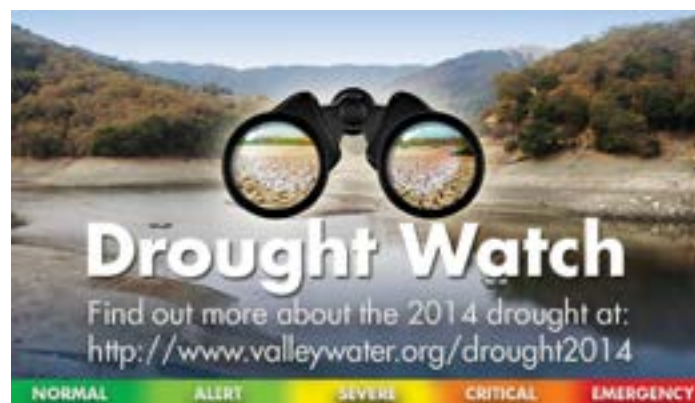
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此份聖塔克拉谷水利局 (Santa Clara Valley Water District) 的通知是要讓您知道，水利局已安排在您附近地區進行一項施工工程。要了解工程的詳細情形，請致電 (408) 265-2607 轉分機 2631。

Thông báo này của Nha Cấp Nước Santa Clara Valley (Santa Clara Valley Water District) về dự án xây dựng được dự trữ tiến hành trong khu xóm của quý vị. Muốn biết thêm chi tiết về dự án này, xin gọi (408) 265-2607, số chuyển tiếp (ext) 2488.

Ang paunawang ito ay mula sa Santa Clara Valley Water District upang ipagbigay-alam sa inyo ang proyektong nakatakdang gawin sa inyong lugar. Para sa karagdagang impormasyon tungkol sa proyektong ito, mangyaring tumawag sa (408) 265-2607 extension 3714.

Este aviso del Distrito de Aguas del Valle de Santa Clara (Santa Clara Valley Water District) es para informarle sobre un proyecto de construcción que está programado en su zona. Si desea más información sobre este proyecto, por favor llame al (408) 265-2607, extensión 2297.



Contact us

For more information, contact **Doug Titus** at **(408) 630-2083**, or visit our website at www.valleywater.org and use our **Access Valley Water** customer request and information system. With three easy steps, you can use this service to find out the latest information on the project or to submit questions, complaints or compliments directly to a district staff person.

